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Our Ref.: Olympus-13

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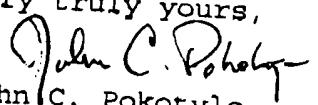
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Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions or need anything else.

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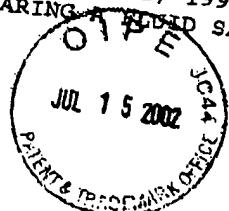
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid **Reissue independent claims over original patent
109	84	209	42	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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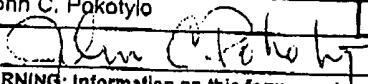
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103	130	205	85	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
138	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	820*	112	820*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	960	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	180	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	180	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
130	1,810	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	820	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	60	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	128	180	Submission of Information Disclosure	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.120(e))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
189	900	188	800	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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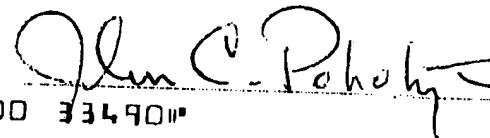
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